

## Matt Ritsko

Matthew Ritsko has nearly 20 years of experience in business/project management with various projects and programs at Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC). He currently serves as the Deputy Director for Planning and Business Management for the Flight Projects Directorate (FPD). Matt was selected to permanently fill the position following completion of the senior executive selection process.



Prior to joining FPD, Matt served as the Chief of the Resources Management Office within the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) at GSFC. In this role, Matt provided programmatic leadership and guidance to resources management functions supporting multiple mission directorates and GSFC facilities (Greenbelt, Wallops Flight Facility, and Independent Verification and Validation Facility). He led and managed approximately 320 civil servants and contractor business personnel supporting the entire GSFC portfolio of institutional and spaceflight efforts. In addition to this role, Matt served as GSFC's lead for Program Planning and Control (PP&C). He represented PP&C needs to external stakeholders and provided support and guidance within GSFC's community.

From 2017 through 2020, Matt was NASA's Program Business Manager for the Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS), a NASA-National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) partner mission. In this role, Matt served as the lead for all business activities for the \$18 billion mission and advised management, technical leads, and scientists on PP&C activities. Matt led an effort to reduce the program's budget by \$735 million and baselined the portfolio. His responsibilities included providing overall programmatic management to enable effective project management decision making. These responsibilities included budget formulation and budget execution expertise and external stakeholder communications to the Office of Management and Budget, Congressional members and staff, and NASA/NOAA leadership. In addition to this role, Matt was the NOAA Business Branch Chief and oversaw NASA's business staff on all GSFC collaborations with NOAA. His staff supported the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES), Space Weather Follow-On (SWFO) project, JPSS, and several reimbursable study efforts with NOAA on future mission concepts.

Before JPSS, from 2013 to 2018 Matt was the Deputy Project Manager for Resources on the Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) project, an astrophysics exoplanet discovery mission to find nearby new planets. Matt supported TESS from the start of the project through its successful launch in 2018, two months ahead of schedule and \$31 million under its external commitment. In addition, Matt was the Deputy Project Manager for Resources for the Comet Astrobiology Exploration Sample Return (CAESAR) concept proposal.

Matt began his career with NASA in 2005. He has worked on numerous flight projects, gaining varied (in-house and out-of-house) flight project experience and increased responsibilities. Prior to TESS, Matt worked within the OCFO Program Analysis Office and Policy and Standards Office, the Tracking and Data Relay Satellite (TDRS) project and the Gravity and Extreme Magnetism SMEX (GEMS) project. He has also served

details within the OCFO, the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) project, and on staff to the GSFC Flight Projects Directorate office. Matt's career history includes experience supporting Source Evaluation Boards and leading proposal development efforts. Matt has been involved with several leadership programs and working groups to improve the workplace through process enhancements and diversity and inclusion advocacy.

Matt holds a Bachelors of Science in Economics from the Pennsylvania State University and a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Maryland. He has a certificate in Systems Engineering from MIT and Project Management from Georgetown University.